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A SUGAR FACTORY AND PROSPERITY.

The officials and employees of the sugar company and of the contracting firm that is to build the factory here, are delighted with southern Oregon climate and conditions. Coming here through snow, from a country where winter still reigns, they find the balmy air and warming sunshine of the Rogue valley. It is far better here than we had even anticipated, is the remark of all, and each is enthusiastic over the outlook for the new industry.

In speaking at the meeting held at the Commercial club Monday afternoon, George Austin, in charge of the cultural and farm activities for the sugar interests in Utah, and who has been with the companies since the establishment of the industry 20 years ago, stated that the people of southern Oregon could not yet appreciate what the coming of the sugar industry would mean to them. It brought a high degree of prosperity to all the districts in which it was established, and which were adapted to the culture of the beet, he said. In the Rogue valley, he stated, there were many conditions that would bring success that were not present in Utah, one of these being the benefits that would accrue to the stock industry. In this connection he gave much new light. He stated that it was not necessary for the farmers to build silos for the caring of beet pulp if they did not desire to, but that the sugar company itself took care of the pulp and turned it over to the farmers as needed. Here the pulp would not freeze, as it does in Utah, and could be fed without a certain loss from this source. The fresh pulp was especially suitable for dairy cows, but it was more fattening after it had commenced a fermentation, which would be in a climate like that of the Rogue valley in about ten days after it had been through the factory.

Speaking of the local factory, Mr. Austin said that it should have each season from 60,000 to 70,000 tons of beets, this quantity giving it a run of from 100 to 110 days. He assured his audience, as did also Mr. Nibley, that a second factory was arranged for just as soon as it was necessary, which, it was hoped, would be next season.

GEORGE.

A year is a short time as marking its progress in days and weeks, but measured by events it sometimes encompasses a great deal in human achievement. One hundred and eighty-four years is but little more than double man's allotted time, but that number of years ago there was born in Virginia the boy destined to become the "father of his country." George Washington was great not alone because he was able to meet opportunity, but because he could create the opportunity.

Washington was born to wealth, as wealth was counted in 1732. At the age of 27 he added to his landed holdings through marriage, and was rated as one of the rich men of his time. But greater than his acres, Washington considered the welfare of his people, and the years of his manhood were given to freeing America from the British yoke. Then, twice made president of the United States, he declined a position that might have made him more than president of a republic had he so

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willed it. Washington differed from Napoleon in that self-aggrandizement was not the goal of his ambition.

MORGENTHAU IS BACK FROM TURKEY

New York, Feb. 22.—Arriving today on a 60-day vacation, during which he intends to familiarize himself with American affairs and the American viewpoint, Henry Morgenthau, American ambassador to Turkey, denied he is a candidate for secretary of war to succeed Lindley M. Garrison, resigned.

"My work is cut out along other lines," he said.

He will go to Washington at midnight and he plans to return to his post by May.

Upon orders from Secretary Lansing, he declined to discuss diplomatic questions, though he said:

"There is much that I might say."

Morgenthau was met off quarantine by Mayor Mitchell's reception committee, headed by Cleveland Dodge.

The Scandinavian-American liner Frederick VIII, on which Morgenthau arrived, encountered worse storms than the captain had ever experienced in his 33 years' experience. She came in four days overdue, and reported that the time had been lost by drifting when she was unable to make any headway.

GILL NOMINATED FOR SEATTLE MAYOR

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Receiving the largest vote ever given a mayoralty candidate in a primary election in Seattle, Hiram C. Gill was renominated yesterday with a vote that exceeded the combined vote of his three opponents.

Austin E. Griffith received second place, and will contest the final election with Gill March 7.

The vote, unofficially tabulated, stood as follows:

Gill, 30,845; Griffiths, 15,932; Oliver T. Erickson, 9,724; D. B. Raymer, 1,910.

For corporation counsel, Hugh C. Caldwell led in a field of five, with James E. Bradford, incumbent, about 4,000 votes behind.

Former Mayor William Hickman Moore led the 13 candidates for city council. The other five nominated are: R. H. Thomson, C. B. Fitzgerald, O. A. Case, Dr. E. J. Brown and Charles Marble.

Location notices, Courier office.

COUNTY AGENT'S NOTES

Our local papers have generously given space for items of interest concerning the work of the county agriculturalist. It is our purpose to have something to say each week.

The work of the county agent is being done by the United States department of agriculture, the Oregon Agricultural college and Josephine county co-operating.

If you have any problems which you wish to be considered, kindly advise me at your earliest convenience just what they are.

I am to have an office in the Commercial club building, and will be there on Monday, February 28. After that time, until further notice, I will be in the office on Friday and Saturday of each week. I shall be glad to have any one come in and see me and talk over any matter of interest to the farmers of the county.

These first two weeks I am spending most of the time in the country, meeting as many people as I can and getting an idea of the lay of the land.

I hope in the near future to establish an exchange. Through this exchange I expect you to find a market for surplus stock, seeds, or anything that may be produced on the farm. Let me know what you have that you wish to dispose of, either by trade or sale.

I wish some of you would send some seeds in for testing. Send them to G. R. Hyslop, O. A. C., Corvallis, Oregon. They are very anxious to get this line of work started.

Examine your trees for injury from freezing. I have seen several already showing signs of injury. The bark is coming loose on the body, the bark splitting and trees bleeding. If the injury is very bad it may be necessary to bridge graft to save the tree, but if only one side is affected tie or tack down the loosened bark and coat over with Bordeaux or grafting wax to keep out fungi. The work should be done early and trees pruned pretty heavy. Look after your trees right away.

If you have not already done it, now is the time to spray for curl leaf on peaches. Sooner the better. Lime-sulphur, 1-10, and spray thoroughly.

Yours for service,
C. D. THOMPSON,
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MAY QUIT TALKING OF LUSITANIA

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—The administration today practically decided to end the informal conferences between Secretary of State Lansing and German Ambassador von Bernstorff over diplomatic questions, and to dispatch a formal note to Germany emphasizing the need for unequivocal assurances about Teutonic submarine warfare.

The only thing that can intervene to frustrate this plan is the arrival of definite assurances that the Teuton proclamation of warfare against armed enemy merchant ships will not become effective March 1, as ordered. Moreover, Germany must make such assurances square with the promises given during the Lusitania negotiations.

It is reported that the administration has concluded that the confidential discussions of the situation have outlived their usefulness in view of the present apparent impasse and the personal bad feeling between the secretary and the German envoy.

Secretary of State Lansing and the president conferred today for half an hour at the White House on the Lusitania situation, but Lansing, upon leaving, refused to say what they had discussed.

Friends are putting pressure on the president to have him convey to the country a clear idea of the status of pending negotiations, exactly what is demanded by the United States, and how long the administration is going to pursue its "diplomatic chase" in the Lusitania situation.

In response to this demand, the president is planning to throw a little additional light upon the negotiations.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The administration watched today for Berlin's next move in the new diplomatic crisis growing out of the Austro-German proclamation of war on armed merchant ships. A response to Ambassador von Bernstorff's advice on America's refusal to recognize the decree is anticipated within a day or two.

Meanwhile, officials are equally engrossed in the outcome of the personal relations between Secretary Lansing and Ambassador von Bernstorff.

It was deemed significant that the Teuton envoy has absented himself from the state department and has kept silent since Lansing indicated his displeasure at the conduct of von Bernstorff and the apparent German "propaganda" efforts.

Authorities expressed concern over the receipt of anonymous warnings by American passengers booked to sail Thursday from New York on the French liner Espagne. In this connection, they recalled that similar warnings were given passengers of the Lusitania before she sailed out of New York to her destruction by a German torpedo.

The president conferred last night with Chairmen Stone and Flood of the senate and house foreign committees, and is now prepared to co-operate with congress in every step of the future negotiations with Germany.

Senator Stone is preparing to make a speech in defense of the administration's course toward the decree, and it is expected he will outline the principles followed by the government in its refusal to accept the proclamation as valid.

It is understood the state department gave Stone information concerning its attempts to secure a promise from the allies that they would disarm merchantmen. Stone is expected to show that Austria and Germany precipitated a grave issue—a blunder, according to the department view—by proclaiming the new warfare instead of waiting to learn what the allies would do toward the American request for disarmament.

In the Espagne case the government has no evidence that the warnings to passengers originated from official German sources, nor is it informed that the Espagne falls within the armed enemy merchantman class.

GRAND JURY TO PROBE KILLING OF MISS LAMBERT

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 22.—The grand jury here will start on March 6 to consider the case of William Orpet, University of Wisconsin student, accused of murdering his sweetheart, Marian Lambert, a high school girl.

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London, Feb. 22.—The Paris official announcement of the destruction of the 25th Zeppelin during the war, coupled with Rotterdam reports that the British had dealt severe losses to the Germans, aroused the British public to a high pitch of enthusiasm today.

The newspapers pointed out that in air battles and raids yesterday 100 aeroplanes participated on all fronts and that the allies more than held their own.

The Rotterdam dispatch told of British grenade attacks on the west front, of bomb-throwing from trench mortars and of occasional bayonet charges, all of which caused heavy Teuton losses. To meet the attack,

it was said German troops were sent from Ghent to the British front around Ypres.

Meantime large numbers of German wounded, arriving at Ghent and Bruges, showed the bloody results of the British efforts.

The offensive movement continues at several points from Steenstraete to south of Ypres.



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